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Senate overrides veto of Second Amendment legislation

Expands ability of law-abiding permit holders to defend themselves and others

(Nashville, TN) – **Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey (R-Blountville)** led the Senate today in overriding Governor Bredesen's veto of Senate Bill 1127/House Bill 962. The legislation would enable law-abiding right-to-carry permit holders to carry a firearm for self defense in establishments that serve alcohol, provided they don't consume while carrying.

"Gun carry permit holders have a right to carry their firearm in 36 states, including 7 of our border states," said Lt. Governor Ramsey. "Tennessee citizens who undergo the education and training required to obtain a permit deserve the same rights as those in other states."

"I want to thank Lt. Governor Ramsey for his leadership in allowing law-abiding permit holders to carry a firearm for self defense in establishments that serve alcohol," said Chris Cox, Executive Director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action. "As the original sponsor of Tennessee's right-to-carry legislation, Lt. Governor Ramsey has been a stalwart supporter of the Second Amendment and a friend to gun owners in the state of Tennessee for many years."

The effective date of the legislation is July 14, 2009.

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